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BUMEDINST 7700.1D BUMED-01 3 May 1999

## BUMED INSTRUCTION 7700.1D

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

To: All Internal BUMED Codes

Subj: RELEASE OF PROGRAM AND BUDGET DATA TO EXTERNAL SOURCES

Ref: (a) NAVCOMPINST 7102.2C

1. <u>Purpose</u>. To assign responsibility regarding the release of program budget information pertaining to Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED) financed programs or medical or dental treatment facilities.

- 2. Cancellation. BUMEDINST 7700.1C.
- 3. <u>Definition</u>. For the purpose of this instruction, program budget data includes cost and other fiscal data, workload reports, manpower and staffing reports, and other data relating to the current progress of BUMED managed programs or projections of those programs.
- Background. Information displayed in the various programming and budget submissions provides the basis for program, monetary, and manpower decisions by the Chief of Naval Operations, the Comptroller, Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Congress. Release of erroneous or incompatible data can result in misunderstanding and unnecessary adverse decisions. Disclosure of information about the President's budget is restricted to unclassified data contained in and supporting the President's budget. Materials and information used during the DON and OSD budget reviews must not be released outside the Department since they are predecision documents and as such are excepted from the Freedom of Information Act standards. Decisions regarding release of Department of the Navy or Defense Health Program budget information rests with NAVCOMPT or the OSD Comptroller respectively. Decisions regarding release of documents such as internal point papers or memorandums which include budget information rest with the organization publishing the information. The standards described above are the basis for such a determination.

## 5. Action

- a. The Assistant Chief for Resource Management will ensure material to be released is in agreement with, or is consistent with, budget data already submitted to reviewing officials.
- b. Internal BUMED codes will obtain clearance from MED-01 before the release of replies or reports, which include budget data defined in this instruction.
- c. If time does not permit routine review by MED-01, clearance may be requested by e-mail or telephone from MED-01B at 762-3553. If clearance cannot be provided on short notice, the requesting code will be advised.

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